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**NBL. Clash**

► Halifax Rainmen forward Tyrone Levett is fouled by Oshawa Power guard Marcus Johnson during the second quarter of Thursday night's National Basketball League of Canada game at the Metro Centre. The Rainmen surged past the Power 117-93 to win their franchise-record ninth game in a row. Story, page 14.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

## Rainmen hit new high with victory

# University funding cut again

### ► Tuition increases capped at 3% for now

The provincial government is offering universities a \$25-million olive branch to reduce operating costs while cutting their funding by three per cent.

Advanced Education Minister Marilyn More revealed Thursday Nova Scotia's 11 universities will receive \$324 million from the province in 2012-2013.

That's a cut of three per cent to universities' operating grant over 2011-2012, and a seven per cent cut over the last two years.

"I don't deny that difficult decisions will have to be made, but there are opportunities here," said More.

One such opportunity is a new three-year, \$25-million fund to support projects that cut operational costs. Universities will compete amongst themselves for that funding, presenting business cases to the Department of Labour and

Advanced Education.

The funding announcement was part of a new three-year memorandum of understanding between the universities and the provincial government. In a departure from past practice, the government is not including funding levels for all three years.

Tuition hikes will be capped at three per cent, pending a government-led review of tuition policy. When that review will be complete is not clear.

"Students are going to shoulder these cuts in two ways: one, they're going to pay more, and two, they're going to see larger class sizes, they're going to see fewer classes taught by full-time faculty ... and they're going to see declines in the services that universities are able to provide," said Mark Coffin of the Alliance of Nova Scotia Students Association. ● ALEX BOUTILIER

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# No N.S. support for convention-centre tenants

The provincial government is not considering support to attract potential tenants to Joe Ramia's Nova Centre.

Economic and Rural Development Minister Percy Paris said Thursday he wasn't aware of any planned support for the project beyond one-third of the convention centre's capital costs.

"I'm not aware of any-

thing that we are doing to promote tenants for that project," Paris said.

While the three levels of government came together to give funding for the convention centre, the project still hinges on whether or not Ramia can find tenants to populate a planned financial centre. When the federal government came on board to the project last

## Plan B

Developer Joe Ramia has two alternate plans for the site, neither of which include a convention centre component.

August, Ramia told Metro he hoped to have tenants lined up by mid-November. When contacted on Dec.

14, Ramia had no comment as to potential tenants, or when Rank Inc. will make a final decision on the project.

Bill Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, said the project will be a priority for him in 2012. But it's unclear what tools are at the government's disposal at this point.

"We have regular contact through my staff with Mr. Ramia, and we're going to continue to do that," Estabrooks said Thursday.

He said there have not been requests for support, such as payroll rebates, to the cabinet table. He added Ramia has not requested any assistance during his hunt for tenants.

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# Navy ship ready to deploy

► Crew has been prepping the ship for this mission since its return from Libya in August 2011



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Leading Seaman Michael Michaud is going to miss his son, Archer.

The 26-year-old is leaving from Halifax Sunday on the HMCS Charlottetown for an eight-month mission to the Mediterranean Sea. That will be the longest he's ever been apart from his two-year-old.

"It's overwhelming," said Michaud aboard the ship Thursday. "We'll see each other through emails and photos and whatnot."

No doubt the other 250 sailors set to embark upon the counter-terrorism mission will also be leaving behind loved ones.

The crew is part of NATO's Operation Active Endeavour, tracking, boarding and reporting on ships believed to be involved in terrorism.



**"This ship is ready to deploy. Its crew is ready (and) it's technically ready, so I have no real concerns."**

WADE CARTER, COMMANDER  
OF THE HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN.

A little of what the sailors leave behind in Halifax is gained in camaraderie, said Master Seaman Aaron Reid.

"A lot of good comes from it," said the 32-year-old, referring to life aboard the ship. "We rely on each other, and in case some-



► Leading Seaman Eddie Blais carries a mattress aboard the HMCS Charlottetown on Thursday. The Charlottetown will leave for the Mediterranean on Sunday morning to take part in NATO's counter-terrorism efforts.

thing happens, we have that trust."

Sailors were preparing for their departure by loading up the ship on Thursday. Some sailors carried fresh mattresses over their shoulders, while a few dozen others created a

beer assembly line, stocking the fridges in preparation for their days off.

Cmdr. Wade Carter said the mission is very similar to others the ship has completed in the past, but the crew is also well trained to react to a crisis as it un-

folds.

He compared the mission to being a "cop on the beat."

"You go out on the highway and you're watching what's going on.... You're present to make sure things remains stable."

# Man gets 8 years after son's death

An Indian Brook man was sentenced on Thursday to eight years in custody following the death of his three-year-old son.

James Joseph Peter-Paul, 29, entered a guilty plea to a charge of manslaughter during an appearance in Shubenacadie provincial court Thursday morning.

Three-year-old Matthew James Raymond Peter-Paul

was rushed to the Colchester Regional Hospital on Oct. 1, 2010. The RCMP received a call that night about a child in cardiac arrest. Matthew died in the hospital a few hours later.

The court heard Matthew died of a ruptured pancreas caused by blunt-force trauma to the abdominal wall. The boy also suffered blunt-force

trauma to both sides of the head, bruising on his face and head, and a fractured leg.

Peter-Paul, who cried throughout the hearing but declined to speak, was charged with second-degree murder in May 2011. That charge was withdrawn and replaced with the manslaughter charge.

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## News in brief

### Fishermen want better deal

**SOUTHWESTERN N.S.** A group of fishermen has formed a new association in a bid to get better prices for lobster. Retired fisherman James Mood says members of the new association have decided not to sell any lobsters for

less than \$5.50 a pound.  
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### We can't help fund: Premier

**CAPE BRETON.** Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter says the province is in no position to assume the unfunded liability associated with the pension plan of those who used to work at a now idle Cape Breton paper mill.

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# Speed-skating group looks to Emera Oval

► Facility is the largest artificial outdoor ice-skating surface east of Quebec City ► Speed Skating N.S. wants to hold events on the oval



► Members of Alberta's long-track speed-skating team charge around the oval on the Halifax Common in this photo from February 2010.



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While citizens are leisurely carving their skates on the newly opened Emera Oval, volunteers at Speed Skating Nova Scotia are gearing up for a few unpredictable but definitely eventful winters.

Stephen MacMurray, a volunteer with Speed Skating Nova Scotia, said the city should expect to see some competitions on the oval as early as February.

He said the club is also hoping to host a weekend

long-track competition later in the winter which will host skaters from all over the Atlantic provinces.

And if that all pans out, MacMurray said, a national and international eye will be fixed on Halifax's oval. "They've been asking us," he said Thursday.

"Speed Skating Canada is looking for the club to develop the capacity to hold next year ... a national event, and the year after an international event."

In order for that to happen, the club needs to start producing officials and vol-

**1,000** The number of people estimated to have used the Oval last winter.

unteers fit for a national competition, he said.

MacMurray said an elite coach has even been scouting talent in the area, and their search isn't limited to the rink. He said they've also been looking at young athletes in other sports like paddling or cycling who could transition well into speed skating.

"We'll have Olympians coming out of here, it's just a matter of building that up."

It's the East Coast's warmer weather that is attractive to other clubs across the country, said MacMurray. He said prior to the 2011 Canada Winter Games in Halifax last February, many of the competitors were "delighted" to be competing in a warmer climate.

"You have frozen ice, but it's not minus 40 like in Winnipeg," he said with a laugh.

## MacKay opens up about his marriage

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► Peter MacKay

Although Central Nova MP Peter MacKay tied the knot in Mexico, the ceremony was filled with touches of home.

MacKay, who spoke exclusively to The New Glasgow News Thursday following his nuptials to Nazanin Afshin-Jam, said he proposed to his new wife in Valentia, a little island on the southern tip of Ireland that is his great-grandfather's ancestral home.

"We both wanted a very personal and family-oriented ceremony in a location that was easily accessible to both of our families," MacKay said of the couple's decision to wed in Mexico.

"We were married by local reverend, Glen Matheson of New Glasgow, in a beautiful, quaint, traditional hillside chapel overlooking the ocean. Our families and loved ones took part in the service."

MacKay was quick to share the news of his marriage via his website on Wednesday shortly after the wedding occurred.

"Pictou County is my home and my family has lived there for five generations. I feel truly connected to the area and, as such, I wanted to share our happy

news with our friends and neighbours first," he said. "Nazanin feels completely at home in Pictou County, and the community has been welcoming to her."

"Nazanin grew up on the West Coast, but feels very comfortable in Nova Scotia. She has attended lots of local events, including my annual Christmas gathering the last two years. We look forward to calling Pictou County home."

MacKay said he met his new bride professionally when he was foreign minister through her work saving children on death row in Iran. They began dating later in 2010.

"I was impressed by her intelligence and commitment to help others," he said. "She is a very caring and compassionate person. I came to admire her kind heart and the fact that she loves children and animals."

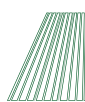
Afshin-Jam is Iranian-born and was once named one of the 50 most beautiful people in the world.

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## Diversity will be part of riding study: MLA

Percy Paris, the Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs, says he's confident the electoral boundaries commission will take diversity into account while examining a protected African Nova Scotian constituency.

The arm's-length commission will undertake an eight-month study of the province's 52 ridings. Each riding is required to have a number of electors within 25 per cent of the median.

That's an issue for the riding of Preston, which had just 7,680 voters in 2009.

Paris was non-committal when asked whether he thinks that riding should stay protected, or whether there is a need for an African Nova Scotian-designated riding.

"The first thing you notice about Percy Paris (is that) he's a member of the black community of Nova Scotia," Paris told reporters Thursday. "But I also think when people look at Percy Paris, MLA, that they look at their representative regardless (of) whether he's black or non-black."

● ALEX BOUTILIER

## Chelsea woman killed in crash with snowplow

A Nova Scotia woman has died after a collision involving a vehicle and a snowplow. The crash occurred

on Highway 210 in Lunenburg County near Waterloo Road around 11:30 a.m. Thursday.

In a statement, the Mounties say the female driver of the vehicle lost control and slid into the path of the oncoming snowplow. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## 'Completely ridiculous'

### Lawyer calls out father's testimony in 2009 death of 7-week-old daughter

A father's explanation that his baby daughter's brain injuries may have been the result of a change in formula or a decision to take her outside in a stroller were "completely ridiculous," the Crown said Thursday.

Ashiqur Rahman has pleaded not guilty to manslaughter and aggravated assault in the July 27, 2009, death of seven-week-old Aurora Breakthrough.

Crown lawyer Mark Heerema asked Rahman why he told a doctor before her death that a change in formula, the mother's rocking of the baby and her decision to take the child outside in a stroller may have caused Aurora's brain damage.

"Aren't those three explanations completely ridiculous?" Heerema asked.

Rahman, 26, said he was simply trying to come up with possibilities that might help the doctor and it was all he could think of on the day Aurora was admitted to a Halifax hospital.

"I gave whatever information I could," he said. "I didn't know whether it would be useful to him."

Aurora died three days later.

Heerema told the Nova Scotia Supreme Court that Rahman offered the explanations because he knew his rough handling of the child caused the injuries, an accusation Rahman has repeatedly denied in his testimony.

His former girlfriend, Jane Gomes, has testified she saw Rahman shake and slap the baby on two separate occasions.



▶ Ashiqur Rahman heads to Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax on Thursday.

The trial has also heard medical evidence from the province's medical examiner that Aurora died due to "non-accidental trauma."

The court has also heard testimony from a pediatric pathologist who said Aurora had tears in her brain tissue caused by trauma that occurred more than two weeks before her death.

Outside court, Heerema

said the Crown tried to show inconsistencies in Rahman's testimony.

"Credibility is an important consideration in a criminal trial," Heerema said. "Many of the questions were intended to show that perhaps the court may not find him to be credible in his version of events."

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## Innu band told to redo vote

The Federal Court of Canada has overturned a 2010 band-council election in the Labrador Innu community of Natuashish and ordered a new vote.

Justice Donald Rennie says there were major problems with the way the original vote was held.

The problems include short notice of the vote, a lack of control of the number of ballots printed, uncertainty about custody of the ballot boxes and a large number of spoiled ballots.

He says the only way to restore confidence in the process is to set aside the 2010 results and hold another election within three months. "I find that substantial problems pervaded this election," Rennie wrote in his decision. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# First Nation seeks aid

▶ Ottawa says Attawapiskat bills will be paid as soon as band co-operates

First Nations in the James Bay region of Northern Ontario say their housing crisis is deepening despite the federal government's recent response to Attawapiskat.

In a statement issued Thursday, the troubled Attawapiskat First Nation said it won't be able to make its January payroll unless the federal government shows more flexibility.

Many families are still living in tents and substandard shelters there. And now essential services such as education are at risk because the \$1.5 million earmarked for them has been placed in the hands of a government-appointed third party, according to a statement from the regional Mushkegowuk Council.

Neighbouring Cree communities along James Bay



▶ In this file photo, a tattered Canadian flag flies over a teepee in Attawapiskat, Ont.

are crying out for emergency help as well.

"With temperatures now in the minus 30s and 40s, the chiefs are now calling on the federal and provincial governments to take immediate action on the housing crisis in Fort Albany and Kashechewan as

well," the statement said.

The federal government contests almost every point in the council's statement.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan said the third-party manager appointed by Ottawa to run Attawapiskat's finances will make sure all essential

services are running smoothly and the bills are paid — as soon as the band starts co-operating with him and giving him the information he needs.

"As was addressed in a letter on January 4, 2012 to Chief (Theresa) Spence, the third-party manager is ready to issue payroll cheques for essential services, such as teachers, and will do so as soon as he is provided with the necessary information from the chief and council," Duncan said in an emailed statement.

He said families no longer need to live in tents because the local healing lodge has been renovated. It now has running water, bathrooms and heat, and is ready to accept families who feel they need better shelter.

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## 911 tape reveals tension at Texas school shooting

A 911 recording reveals the tense moments in a Texas middle school when police confronted an eighth-grader who was brandishing a realistic-looking pellet gun and repeatedly ordered him to put the weapon down.

Over and over, officers can be heard telling 15-year-old Jaime Gonzalez to put the weapon on the floor. When he refused, they fatally shot the boy Wednesday at Cummings Middle School in Brownsville.

A six-minute recording of the 911 call that summoned police was obtained Thursday by the Brownsville Herald.

An assistant principal made the call. As officers arrive, she says Gonzalez is drawing the weapon. A moment later, police yell that Gonzalez is running through the hall.

Someone can be heard yelling that the student



▶ The pellet gun the victim was holding when he was shot.

says he's willing to die. And an administrator is yelling, "Lock the door."

The weapon turned out to be a pellet gun that closely resembled the real thing. No one else was injured.

Gonzalez's parents demanded to know why officers took lethal action.

"Why was so much excess force used on a minor?" asked the boy's father, Jaime Gonzalez, Sr. "Three shots. Why not one that would bring him down?"

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### Bundle. Of Joy



▶ Solace Huxley Layton Campbell is seen shortly after being born in Toronto on Thursday.

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## New addition to Layton family

The Layton family has a new addition as of Thursday, as the late Jack Layton's daughter gave birth to a girl. Solace Huxley Layton Campbell was born at 2:15 a.m. Sarah Layton, the daughter of former NDP leader Jack Layton, who died in August, gave birth to the healthy baby girl, who weighed in at 9.4 pounds.

## Officer dies after Utah shootout

Gunfire erupted as anti-drug police served a search warrant in a Utah neighbourhood, killing one officer and injuring five others and a suspect, authorities said.

Ogden police said in a statement early Thursday that agent Jared Francom died from his wounds following Wednesday night's shooting. Five police officers remain hospitalized

with serious to critical injuries. Ogden police say shooting suspect Matthew David Stewart is at a hospital under guard, with non-life-threatening injuries.

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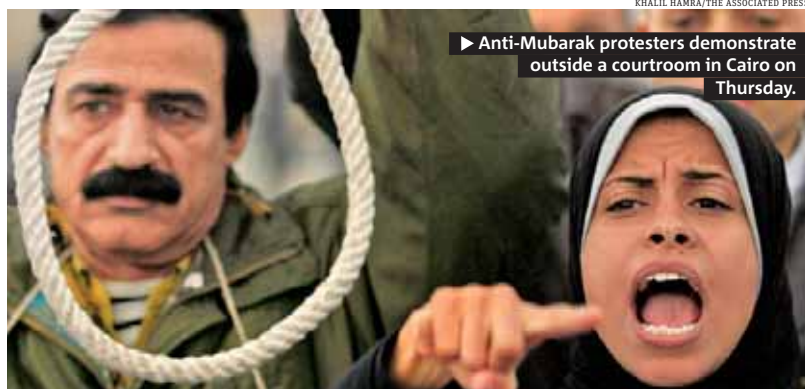
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► Anti-Mubarak protesters demonstrate outside a courtroom in Cairo on Thursday.

## Hang Mubarak: Prosecutors

Prosecutors on Thursday called for Hosni Mubarak to be hanged, saying he bore full responsibility for the killing of some 800 protesters during the uprising against him, in a courtroom moment unthinkable barely a year ago when the long-time leader held unquestioned power.

The demand for the death penalty at the 83-year-old former president's trial played to the widespread resentment of

Mubarak among Egyptians who hoped that punishment for his oppressive rule would be the fruit of the Arab Spring.

But some activists are skeptical the sentence would ever be carried out if he is convicted. A conviction would be followed by a possibly lengthy appeals process, and Egypt's new rulers — the military — have the power to veto a death sentence.

Mubarak has been

brought to every hearing since Aug. 3 on a hospital gurney, wheeled into the courtroom cage.

Prosecutor Mustafa Khater gave a speech demanding the death penalty for Mubarak, former Interior Minister Habib el-Adly and four police commanders. "Retribution is the solution. Any fair judge must issue a death sentence for these defendants," said Khater, one of five prosecutors. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Early retirement? Better think again

► Average Canadian worker wants to retire by 61, while 25- to 30-year-olds aim for age 59, study found

Canadians appear to be on a collision course with harsh reality when it comes to their increasingly unrealistic expectations for retiring early and comfortably.

With the underfunding in pension plans and rising household debt, a new TD Bank survey suggests Canadians haven't adjusted their retirement notions.

"Early retirement is only achievable if you take steps needed to get there," said Cynthia Caskey of TD Waterhouse.

The online survey of 1,006 shows six in 10 Canadians have less than \$100,000 in household assets, not counting any home equity, while 16 per cent have no assets at all. It also found that 44 per cent of respondents believe they

will have debt when they retire, and 13 per cent said their debt will be significant. That coincides with the latest Statistics Canada data showing household debt has reached a record 153 per cent of disposable income, although 70 per cent of that is in mortgages.

"For some Canadians, it's not going to be about choice. They will have to work past age 65 paying off debt or working longer hours to afford their retirement," Caskey said.

The survey's findings are in line with other polls showing a growing disconnect between the retirement Canadians wish and what they may be able to afford. Some data have already shown that people are putting off retirement

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for a later date. Savings is key to retirement plans because only about four in 10 Canadians have a company pension. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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## Obama imagines 'leaner' military

Looking beyond the wars he inherited, President Barack Obama on Thursday launched a reshaping and shrinking of the military. He vowed to preserve U.S. pre-eminence even as the army and marine corps shed troops and the administration considers reducing its nuclear weapons arsenal.

The changes won't come without risk, Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said. But he called it inevitable.

At the Pentagon, Obama said the U.S. is "turning a page" after having killed Osama bin Laden, withdrawn troops from Iraq and begun to wind down the war in Afghanistan. He outlined a vision for the future that some Republican lawmakers quickly dubbed wrong-headed.

"Our military will be leaner, but the world must know the United States is going to maintain our military superiority," Obama said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Music. Albums



► In this file photo from last August, Adele performs at the MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles.

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## Digital sales play catch-up

U.S. album sales rose by more than three per cent last year, the first gain since 2004 — a sign that rising digital sales are stemming the decade-long decline of CDs. The uptick to 458 million album sales was helped by Adele's album 21, which sold 5.8 million copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan.



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## THE METRO LIST

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**1 Kate turns big 3-0:** Her name is already forecast to be the most-used word in social media this year, and watch how much attention Kate gets next Monday (Jan. 9) when the duchess turns 30. What would be the icing on the cake? When Will and Kate announce they're having a baby. Twitter would completely melt.

**2 Rob Schneider:** His new comedy, Rob, airs next week (Jan. 12). It's about a newlywed dealing with his wife's close-knit Mexican-American family. TV critic Jace Jacob watched the pilot and live-tweeted his disdain for it. Sample tweet from @televisionary: "If Hell exists, it would be watching the Rob pilot over and over again for eternity. And I am only two minutes in..." Must-watch.

**3 @RupertMurdoch:** Eighty-year-old media mogul Rupert Murdoch opened his (rather boring) Twitter account over the New Year's holiday and already has more than 100,000 followers. Murdoch, whose media empire, News Corp., has been under increased scrutiny due to phone hacking at his U.K. newspapers, better hope his Twitter account never gets hacked.

**4 Team Canada:** Our juniors were getting smoked 6-1 in the semifinal by Russia at the Calgary Saddledome, and staged what was almost an epic comeback, scoring four goals in the third and hitting a post late before falling short 6-5. Even though they didn't make the final, they can hold their heads high after that valiant comeback. 2013 will be their golden year.

**5 Twins born a year apart:** In a story gone viral this week, a Minneapolis couple welcomed twins six hours apart, with a boy, Beckett, born 6:40 p.m. on Dec. 31, 2011, and a girl, Freya, Jan. 1, 2012, at 12:26 a.m. New Year's Day. This means a) separate birthdays for both, and b) whenever the siblings fight, Beckett can go, "Yo, I'm a year older."

**6 Butt out:** A giant 12-foot acrylic cigarette butt was erected in Toronto Tuesday as The Canadian Cancer Society launched its seventh annual Driven to Quit Challenge. If you're thinking of quitting, try it. I've been clean from the cancer sticks for over 10 years. All you need is 20 seconds of insane courage. And willpower.

**7 Steve Jobs action figure:** A Chinese toy company called Inlcons is releasing a detailed 12-inch action figure of Jobs wearing his signature black turtleneck, rimless glasses and blue jeans. Due for U.S. release late February (if Apple gives permission), word is they're getting tons of pre-orders. Accessories such as iPhone, iPad and iPod are not included!

**8 4,700 self-portraits:** For 14 years, Canadian photographer Jeff Harris has been doing an epic art project whereby he takes a self-portrait each day and then posts it on his website to take his readers along on his adventures. Think of it as his personal diary, but in photos. Check it out at jeffharris.org

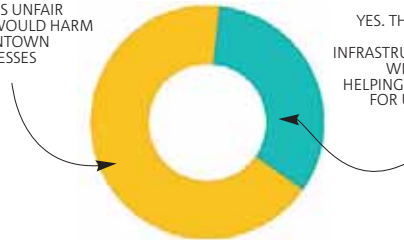
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### Local tweets



- **@heatfras:** Well it looks like winter is officially here.....it's snowing in #Halifax :(
- **@AshlyBickford4:** Snow isn't usually a good thing, but right now downtown Halifax looks beautiful #snow-globe
- **@kim\_purcell:** had a dream last night that I left dal and went to the mount..uhh #why
- **@PhebeAlida:** love seeing old men in spandex running through wolfville..lol
- **@ryanmhowell:** I just went to refill what I thought was my empty coffee, only to find the cup half full. This might be a long day.
- **@MB\_Thompson:** I just watched a man drag a semi-conscious SHEEP clear across Robie St. to the QEII. Seriously WTF
- **@dstcmntb:** "You looked artsy so I figured you went to OCAD." - lil ole lady at Tim Horton's.
- **@KatlynHubley:** I just love running out of gas in halifax while in the middle of an intersection
- **@twharding:** Waiting to see an ENT doctor. His office is next to a private sleep clinic...hnnmmmm...wonder where he'll refer me?? #Dartmouth #BakerDrive

## A writing exam, Japanese-style

### Daily Zoom



### Calligraphy contest honours Japan's tsunami victims

**DISASTER.** Around the world, people ring bells or shoot fireworks to welcome the new year, but in Japan they celebrate by showing off their brushwork. Thousands of contestants took part in Japan's 48th annual New

Year Calligraphy Contest. About 3,000 filled the Nippon Budokan indoor arena for the event.

Calligraphers this year were encouraged to write banners of well wishes for those affected by last year's devastating earth-

quake and tsunami.

"My banner reads 'Strong will' — for those hit by the disaster. I also wish an early spring will arrive there," said Kuramochi Jun, a 12-year-old student.

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### New-year banners

- "The heart waits for spring" Haru matsu kokoro (春待つ心)
- "Strong will" Tsuyoi ishi (強い意志)
- "The sky of the New Year" Shinnen no sora (新年の空)



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### Scene in brief



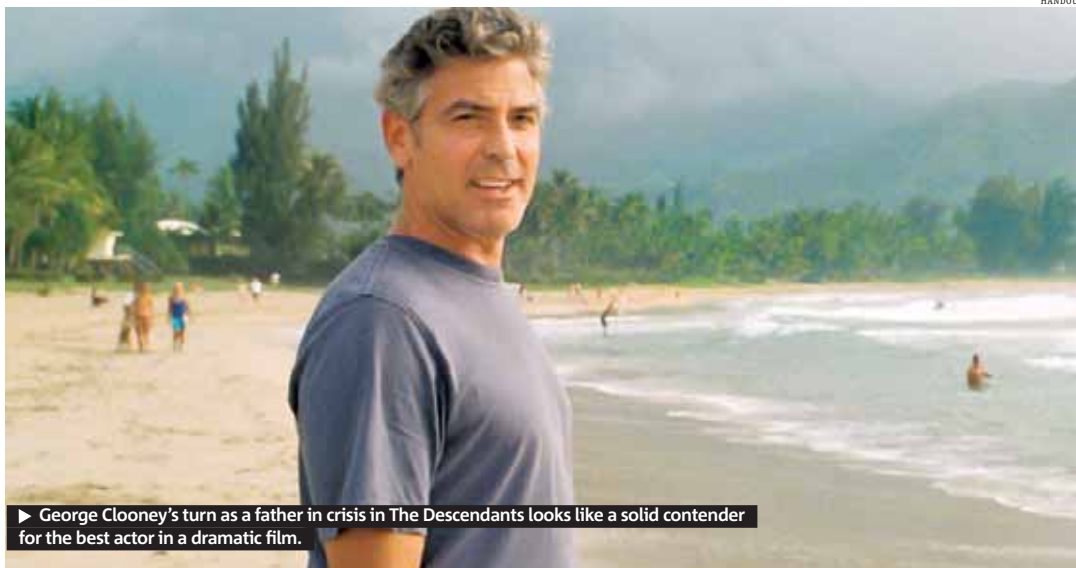
Actress-turned-director Sarah Polley is adapting Margaret Atwood's award-winning novel *Alias Grace* for the big screen. The project once again pairs the Toronto filmmaker with an acclaimed Canadian writer — Polley's celebrated directorial debut *Away From Her* was based on Alice Munro's short story *The Bear Came Over the Mountain*.  
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Hugh Jackman plans his Broadway return as Harry Houdini in a musical by Aaron Sorkin.

### Synopsis

Award season is upon us. Soon Hollywood will hand out more gold than Fort Knox on free doubloon day. This week the Reel Guys have a look at the first major awards, the Golden Globes.



► George Clooney's turn as a father in crisis in *The Descendants* looks like a solid contender for the best actor in a dramatic film.

### Reel Guys

## RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN



**Richard:** Mark, I enjoyed bits and pieces of a lot of movies in 2011 so choosing winners in the Golden Globe Best Movie categories is giving me a bit of a headache. In the drama category I'll have to go with *Moneyball* as the film that hit it out of the park. As for comedy or musical it's a toss up between *The Artist*, which was the best time I had at the movies overall this year, and *Bridesmaids*, which made me laugh more than any movie this year. You?

**Mark:** Yes, Richard, *Moneyball* was a fine film. But I can't believe it will take away any top prizes be-

cause it just lacked any real emotional content — and the ending, while true to life, was a bit of a dud. I think it's George Clooney's year, and that *The Descendants* is the film to beat in the drama category. As for comedy, *Bridesmaids* is the funniest movie of the year, although *The Artist* is a more audacious achievement. I notice its director is nominated in that category, and I hope he wins. He made me feel like I was in 1928!

**RC:** I think you're right about Clooney. He brings with him the kind of star power the Globes crave for their broadcast. *The Artist*,

not so much. With that in mind it seems likely Meryl Streep will take the Globe for best dramatic actress for *The Iron Lady*. Her mix of star power and chops almost guarantees a win. As for Comedy or Drama, I'd like to see Kristen Wiig take it for *Bridesmaids*. Of all the nominees it is the only full-on comedic performance.

**MB:** You're right about La Streep. Frankly, she won it the day the trailer aired. And with Michelle Williams shunted into the comedy category, there's little competition for her. And although it's a real stretch to call Williams' Monroe homage 'comedy',

her only competition will be Charlize Theron's dress. Kristin Wiig is a comedic genius — the best thing since Carol Burnett — but I think her bid will be scuttled by the movie's poop jokes. Unfair, perhaps, but pure comedy scares votes away — it just doesn't seem like acting.

**RC:** One movie I think is a lock is the hands-down favourite for Best Foreign Film, *A Separation*. I'll be shocked if this doesn't win.

**MB:** Haven't seen it, but the buzz has been deafening. As long as *Cars 2* doesn't win for Best Animated Picture, I'll be a happy man.

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# Russell Brand just can't tell a lie

► Katy Perry told she 'wasn't that funny' by husband, according to source

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Katy Perry was reportedly blindsided by Russell Brand's divorce filing, but according to sources close to the singer there was plenty of evidence he was losing interest, according to Us Weekly.

"There were so many times when he wasn't there," a source says, offering the last night of



► Katy Perry

Perry's tour in November as an example: "He was totally uninterested and seemed annoyed he was

there. I don't think he sat through one song."

And then there was Brand's response to her

Saturday Night Live hosting stint in December.

Perry reportedly begged Brand to appear in a skit on the episode, but he declined and stayed in L.A. instead. And after it aired?

"He told her that she wasn't that funny," the source says. "That really hurt."

But, um, he was right? It's hard to sit through a Katy Perry concert and she was Nancy Kerrigan-esque terrible on SNL.

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- 4 Drain and add to sauce and toss to coat. Serve immediately or alternatively scrape into



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► This recipe makes 4 to 6 servings.

shallow casserole and sprinkle with cheese. Broil for 2 minutes or until cheese is melted and golden. Sprinkle with remaining parsley. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.**

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- 3 tbsp (45 mL) chopped fresh parsley
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Where does the time go? My first column of the New Year has traditionally been dedicated to my boozy predictions for the next 12 months, and here they are.

In the wine world old will be new again. Italy began a comeback late last year and its European neighbours in France and Spain are destined to share in the resurgence of consumer love for classically designed wines.

New World grape crushers from Canada (especially VQA vino from Ontario and B.C. and those earning the Tidal Bay appellation in Nova Scotia) will broaden their fan base and Chilean wine-makers will get the recognition they deserve.

Though premium vodka will rule the spirit world, I predict liqueurs will be the hard liquor breakout star with seemingly simple mixtures like the smooth and mouth-massaging combo of whiskey and honey that is Jack Daniel's Tennessee Honey (\$28.95 to \$29.99).

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# Rainmen harness Power

► Crowd of 3,204 watch Rainmen pound Oshawa for fourth straight victory ► Take franchise-best winning streak on road Saturday



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You could say the Halifax Rainmen have "Powered up" for a big game.

The Rainmen on Thursday rumbled to their fourth win in the past three weeks over the Oshawa Power, extending their franchise-record winning streak to nine games with a 117-93 victory at the Metro Centre.

Now 12-4 and tied for second overall in the National Basketball League of Canada, the Rainmen are headed to London, Ont., for a huge clash with the first-place Lightning (14-4) on Saturday.

"They're No. 1," said Rainmen forward Tyrone Levett, who posted a 17-point, 10-rebound double-double. "In order for us to be No. 1, we have to beat No. 1. That's our destiny and that's what we're going to do."

Much like the rest of their winning streak, just about everything went right for the Rainmen on Thursday. They received double-digit scoring from seven players, including Lawrence Wright's team-best 22-point, 10-rebound effort, and won each quarter by a comfortable margin.

Having played Oshawa three straight times — winning by an average of 28

**"We're excited. We're ready for London. Hopefully we can bring our 'A' game and not have any letdowns, on offence or defence."**

RAINMEN GUARD JUSTIN JOHNSON

points — the Rainmen are eager for a new foe.

"I'm tired of 'em, man," said guard Justin Johnson, who chipped in with 15 points. "We did a good job on them, but at the end of the day, they're another team we needed to beat. It just helps our resumé."

The Rainmen are a different team from the one that lost a season-opening home-and-home with the Lightning in early November. They have five new faces and say they're playing better as a team.

"We're more of a family," Johnson said. "We do everything together off the court, and we can tell each other the truth. We can tell a guy to get back on defence and nobody gets mad. That's what coach focuses on, being a family and playing defence, and that's why we've been winning."

A win against London would leave the two teams locked in a first-place tie.

"Our plan is to go to London, play hard and win," Levett said. "No excuses."



► Rainmen forward Eric Crookshank tries to block a layup from Oshawa Power guard Morgan Lewis during the first quarter of Thursday night's NBL Canada matchup at the Metro Centre.

## NBL CANADA

### Halifax home to all-star weekend

The Metro Centre will play host to a minor-pro-

fessional basketball all-star game for the third time in six years.

National Basketball League of Canada commissioner John Kennedy was in town on Thursday to announce that the circuit's inaugural all-star weekend will be held in Halifax this spring. The tentative dates for the two-day ex-

travaganza are March 31 and April 1.

"I cannot imagine a more suitable place," Kennedy said in a release.

Halifax hosted the Premier Basketball League all-star game in 2010 and the American Basketball Association all-star game in 2007.

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# Moose ship Desjardin to Quebec for help on back-end

► Mooseheads swing first deal of QMJHL trade period ► Trade deadline set for Saturday at 1 p.m.

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The Halifax Mooseheads bolstered their defence corps with some local talent on Thursday, but it cost them a popular veteran.

The Mooseheads traded 19-year-old winger Gabriel Desjardins to the Quebec Remparts for 18-year-old defenceman Brendan Duke of Cole Harbour in a deal that also included an exchange of five draft picks.

The Mooseheads landed the Remparts' first-round pick in 2012 while surrendering two second-round picks in 2012. It is also expected the teams will swap more picks at the draft in June, with the Mooseheads getting a 2013 second-rounder for a 2013 third-rounder.

Desjardins spent three-and-a-half years with the Mooseheads, winning the team's Fans' Choice Award in 2010. He was having a solid season, with 11 goals and 10 assists for 21 points in 37 games.

"At the end of the day, we had lots of forwards and we needed a defenceman," said Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell. "We think Duke will fit in fine and we're excited to have him. We were looking to get a first-round pick as well, so we're happy with how it worked out."

The expansion draft was also a factor, Russell said. Although the draft's rules haven't been re-



► Brendan Duke

vealed to the public, it is expected only 16 players will be protected. Desjardins, who the Mooseheads didn't envision as an overager for them, likely would have been exposed anyway.

Duke, who starred for Cole Harbour at the major midget level, is in his second 'Q' season. He missed three months with a shoulder injury this season, but has a goal and three assists, and is a minus-9 in 53 career games.

"He's a physical defensive defenceman who is also capable of playing on a power play," Russell said. "He was running the power play (in major midget), so he has good skills. He's an all-around defenceman."



The QMJHL's trade deadline is Saturday at 1 p.m. Follow

@metrofiles or visit [www.metronews.ca/qfiles](http://www.metronews.ca/qfiles) for the latest.



► Former Mooseheads winger Gabriel Desjardins had 21 points in 37 games so far this season.

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## Sweden takes gold in overtime

Mika Zibanejad scored at 10:09 of overtime to lead Sweden to a 1-0 win over Russia in the final of the world junior hockey championship on Thurs-

day.

Zibanejad stole the puck from Russian forward Nikita Gusev before breaking into the Russian zone and roofing a backhand shot over the blocker of goaltender Andrei Makarov, who finished the game with 57 saves.

The win gave Sweden its second gold medal at

the event and their first since 1981. It was the first time the two European nations had met in the world junior gold-medal game since the tournament adopted a playoff format in 1996.

Johan Gustafsson made 17 saves in Sweden's net for the shutout.

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► Canada's Mark Scheifele, left, celebrates his goal with netminder Mark Visentin in Calgary on Thursday.

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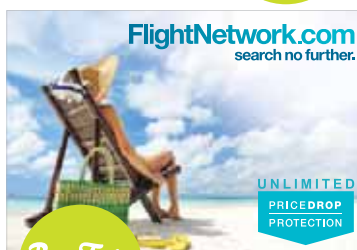


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## Visentin shines in bronze game

### ► Canadian goaltender 'proud' of 3rd-place finish in WJC tournament

He may have had a medal of a lesser colour around his neck, but Mark Visentin could talk about his performance with pride this time.

The goaltender was the feel-good story in Canada's bronze-medal win at the world junior hockey championship Thursday in Calgary.

Visentin stopped a penalty shot in the second period, executed a behind-the-back glove save in the third period and made 27 saves in a 4-0 shutout of Finland.

Visentin was in goal in last year's final in Buffalo, N.Y., where Russia scored five times in the third period to beat Canada 5-3 for gold.

While Visentin wasn't entirely to blame for Canada's collapse there, he's had to wear it for a year. The Niagara IceDog was constantly reminded of it as the tournament approached.

"Our best player was Mark Visentin who played outstanding and made big saves in each period," said

head coach Don Hay. "I'm really happy for Mark and what he's gone through from last year's tournament."

Down three players due to injuries and a suspension, the short-staffed Canadian team had to dig into its reserves and needed a big game from Visentin.

"Obviously it's disappointing we couldn't play for gold this year," Visentin said. "You know what? We wouldn't have been satisfied with fourth place."

"I'm not going to say we're satisfied with bronze, but I'm still proud of having a bronze medal in my hand, and when I look at in 30 years I'll be proud of it and hopefully I can show my kids."

Quinton Howden scored two goals while Tanner Pearson and Mark Scheifele had the others before 18,595 spectators, including Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Finland's Sami Aittokallio stopped 40 shots.

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# Alfredsson, three other Sens voted as all-stars

► Talented young Ottawa blue-liner Karlsson earns most votes in NHL

The Ottawa Senators are assured of having at least four familiar faces on the ice when they host the NHL all-star game this month.

Defenceman Erik Karlsson led all vote-getters in fan balloting, and captain Daniel Alfredsson and fellow forwards Milan Michalek and Jason Spezza also were elected for the game on Jan. 29.

The NHL said Thursday they will be joined by Toronto defenceman Dion Phaneuf and Boston Bruins goalie Tim Thomas in this year's game.

The four Senators hold the top four spots on the

club's scoring list, with Spezza leading the way with 40 points — three more than Karlsson. However, Karlsson topped everyone in the league with 939,951 votes, 42,536 more than Alfredsson. Michalek got his spot with a late rush, beating out Toronto's Phil Kessel by 42,144 votes. Kessel had been in line to be voted in during the election period.

"It's great, obviously, to see all four of us getting in," Alfredsson said. "You look at Jason, Erik, and Milan, too, they've had great starts to the season. If we would have had to choose one player, it would have

been tough because they've all played great to start the season. To be able to all get in when it is in Ottawa, it's going to be a special occasion for all of us and something we'll cherish forever, I'm sure."

About 24 million votes were cast by fans from Nov. 14 until Jan. 4 in the all-digital balloting, a 66 per cent increase over last season.

Missing from the initial list of stars are Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos, who leads the NHL with 27 goals, along with Rangers forward Marian Gaborik, Kessel, Jonathan Toews of Chicago, and Pittsburgh's



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# Burke bemoans lack of fighting in the NHL

Brian Burke is struggling to come to grips with the evolution of hockey.

On a day when the Toronto Maple Leafs general manager sent enforcer Colton Orr to the American Hockey League, he bemoaned the fact there doesn't appear to be much need for players like him in today's game. Long a proponent of

rough-and-tumble hockey, Burke now presides over a Leafs team that is built largely on speed and skill. The sport in general has trended in that direction since the lockout and it's come with a few other developments Burke finds troubling.

"If you want a game where guys can cheap-shot people and not face

**"I wonder about the accountability in our game and the notion that players would stick up for themselves and for each other."**

BRIAN BURKE

retribution, I'm not sure that's a healthy evolution," he said Thursday at an impromptu media conference. "The speed of the game, I love how the

game's evolved in terms of how it's played. But you're seeing where there is no accountability, this is the byproduct — is people running around that

won't back it up."

According to numbers provided by the NHL, fighting is down significantly this season. Through play Wednesday, there was an average of 0.8 fighting majors per game compared with 1.2 at the same point last year.

"To me, it's a dangerous turn in our game,"

Burke said.

The Leafs found themselves in the bottom third of NHL teams in that category with just 13 total fighting majors before facing Winnipeg on Thursday night.

The New York Rangers were tops with 31 while the Detroit Red Wings were last with six.

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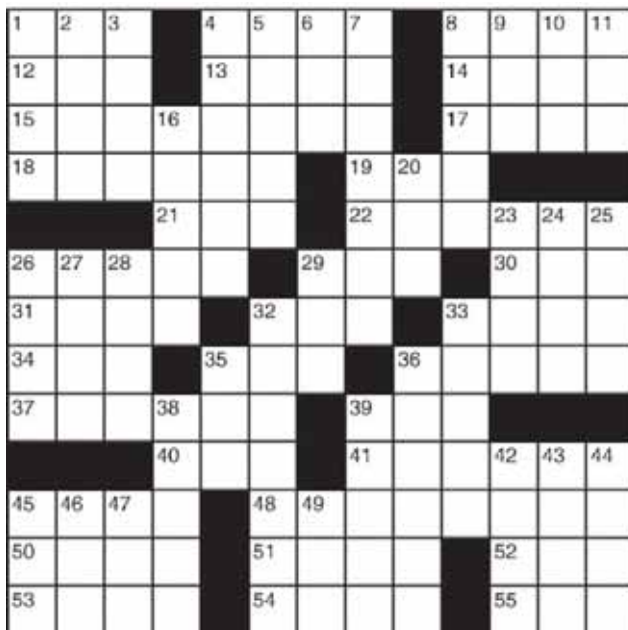
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## Crossword

### Across

1 Balaam's beast  
4 Practice boxing  
8 Nitwit  
12 Make pigeon noises  
13 — Alto  
14 Pressing need?  
15 Attention-getting, and much more  
17 Progeny  
18 Boorish types  
19 Sanders' franchise  
21 Firmament  
22 X-rated  
26 Busy places  
29 Pigs' digs  
30 Literary collection  
31 Wading bird  
32 More, to Manuel  
33 Item on stage  
34 Lair  
35 Car wash option  
36 South American plain  
37 Strikingly unusual  
39 One-name R&B artist  
40 Zeta follower  
41 Chronicles  
45 Con game  
48 Foolishly impractical  
50 Novelist Ferber  
51 Magazine founder Eric  
52 Eggs  
53 Clothing store section  
54 Dines  
55 Buddhist sect  
**Down**  
1 In need of a massage  
2 Protein bean  
3 Last year's frosh  
4 Ghosts  
5 Sucker  
6 Foreman foe  
7 Pyrotechnician's supply  
8 "Saturday Night Fever" genre  
9 Raw rock  
10 "Ulalume" writer  
11 Conclusion  
16 What attendance takers count  
20 Saute  
23 "GWTW" plantation



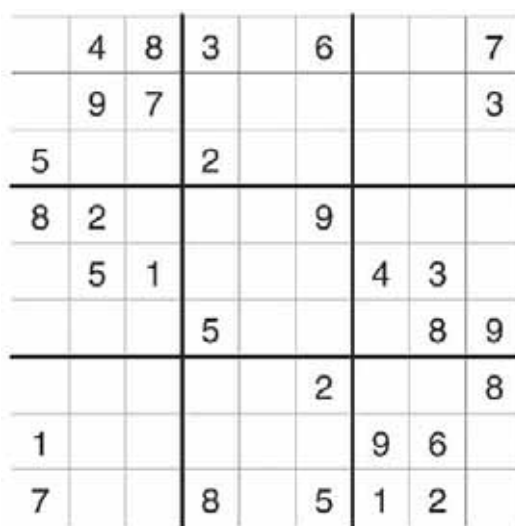
24 Aware of  
25 Mob boss  
26 Stash  
27 Mountain goat  
28 In — veritas  
29 Lisa Simpson's instrument  
32 Rhesus monkey  
33 City north of Dallas  
35 Humour  
36 Bobcats' kin  
38 33-Down's state  
39 Upkeep (Abbr.)  
42 The gamut  
43 Not pretaped  
44 Read cursorily  
45 Height of

fashion? 46 Praise in verse  
47 Massachusetts cape  
49 Actress Hagen

### ► Yesterday's answer



## Sudoku



## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

### ► Yesterday's answer

9	7	2	3	4	5	8	6	1
6	4	8	9	1	2	5	7	3
5	3	1	6	7	8	4	9	2
1	9	5	4	2	3	6	8	7
4	8	3	7	9	6	1	2	5
2	6	7	5	8	1	9	3	4
7	5	8	1	3	9	2	4	6
8	1	4	2	6	7	3	5	9
3	2	9	8	5	4	7	1	6

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FROM RAFF

### Mark

*If you look into my eyes you would know where my heart belongs. A smile so bright and feelings so strong, when ever I am around you I feel so strong, the days are brighter with thoughts of you and everything we are going to do. If you go for my sister, I will be there too.*

FROM MI

## Today's horoscope

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 Yes, you've been in one place too long. Yes, you need a change of scene.  
♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 You could easily spend too much or in some other way damage your reputation for prudence today.  
♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 You may go over the top and annoy someone you really ought to stay on good terms with. Think before you speak or push 'send'.  
♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 A job worth doing is a job worth getting paid the going rate for, and as you do a better job than most you are entitled to add a little bit extra.  
♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 Creative

activities will go well over the next 24 hours but they will go even better if you don't try to do everything yourself.  
♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24- Sept. 22 It is always a mistake to compare yourself to other people and it would be even more of a mistake now.  
♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Ideas will come thick and fast today but you won't achieve much if you try to follow up on each and every one of them.  
♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 There is something you have overlooked and you desperately need to find out what it is and take appropriate action.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

### ♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec.

21 You may feel there is nothing you cannot do and you may be right, but you do in fact have limits like everyone else.

### ♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You may be on the verge of ending a project that does not seem to be going anywhere special but that would be a mistake.

### ♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Don't jump to conclusions and try to change things without consulting family and friends.

### ♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. If you get the chance to move up in the world you must take it.

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